

**City of Milpitas
Approved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
April 21, 2008**

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commission Chair Albert Alcorn called the meeting to order.

Members Present: A. Alcorn, I. Munir, R. Shaw,
D. Gupta, V. Mathur, H. Tran

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion

Members Absent: N. Gupta

Excused: W. Lam, Satish Bansal

City Council: A. Gomez

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of the Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

Commissioner Mathur announced that he would be appointed to the city's Parks and Recreation commission and that his service on the Telecom Commission would be concluding.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S V. Mathur / I. Munir Ayes: 6

**V. Approval of the Minutes
March 17, 2008:**

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

M/S V. Mathur / R. Shaw Ayes: 6

VI. Citizen's Forum:

No comments made for the record.

VII. New and Continued Business:

1. EarthLink Wi-Fi Update.

Bill Marion, director of the city's Information Services Department, updated the commissioners on the status to the Milpitas EarthLink W-Fi assets transfer agreement.

Staff presented the recommendation to the City Council on April 15 involving the EarthLink and received direction to proceed with the asset transfer agreement.

The would City assumes ownership of all network assets from EarthLink. As part of the agreement EarthLink is responsible for all outstanding liabilities. Staff noted that EarthLink would provide a 30 day transfer whereas EarthLink would notify its current Wi-Fi customers of the ending of its wireless service in Milpitas. The city would review the asset transfer for any outstanding issues. A progress report would be presented to the city council on the status of the assets transfer agreement and all associated liabilities. EarthLink will also cease its lease space agreement with the Great Mall for antenna space in the shopping center tower. EarthLink would also offer alternative service offers to its Milpitas customers; example dial-up and DSL, and offer buy-backs of equipment customers may have purchased to support the EarthLink Wi-Fi service. The city would provide limited free Wi-Fi service at the following Milpitas city buildings: Senior Center, Sports Center, Community Center, and City Hall Council Chambers.

Staff also reported that the city of Corpus Christi, Texas, is also conducting a similar assets transfer agreement with EarthLink Wi-Fi service.

The City would monitor the transition during the 30 day period.

The Commission asked how this would impact the cable television franchise. Staff reported that all franchises are now being negotiated through the State of California. Cable television companies and telecommunications companies, like Comcast and AT&T, no longer need to negotiate franchises at a local level.

The Commission asked of interested providers to take over the EarthLink Wi-Fi network. Staff noted that it was focusing on the asset transfer completion with EarthLink before starting with a search for an alternative Wi-Fi provider. The city will promote the fact that an established Wi-Fi network is in place for interested internet service providers.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S

D. Gupta / V. Mathur

Ayes: 6

2. MCTV Studio and Working Group.

Vice Chair D. Gupta reported that the working group met regarding participation on the growth of MCTV26.

He added studio volunteers are always being recruited and new programming is always welcome to be added to the MCTV26 programming line up.

The vice chair also reported that work is in progress to begin the documentation and application filing of establishing a 501c non-profit corporation for MCTV26.

Chair Alcorn reported his firsthand equipment experience with the studio equipment. He added that staff had given a brief walk through the studio equipment; however, he encounter technical hurdles that needed to be overcome. Fortunately, he was able to find a workable solution to successfully record a weekend studio sessions.

The Commissioners also discussed the various requirements for transferring over the MPEG2 video file transfer.

Staff noted that it has acquired additional programming from the Milpitas Teen Center on a recent teen talent show event. Staff also added that the studio's first volunteer has been registered to operate MCTV26 facilities.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S

I. Munir / V. Mathur

Ayes: 6

3. March 2008 Information Services Report

Staff reported on the monthly highlights for March 2008.

MCTV 26 web stream is now being broadcasted over the internet and the next phase will be designing and adding an interface for the MCTV 26 website.

Staff continues to work with the EarthLink assets transfer agreement and will provide updates to the city council and the telecommunications commission as needed.

The staff has commence a with a new card key security project for the city's public works building and police building. The police department will being adding extra security to key areas throughout the building that will require additional pass code access. The completion of the project is schedule for the end of 2008.

Staff is also updating the city's GIS data base for all the new residential developments being added to the city's fire run data maps and public works and engineering utility maps for up-to-date information to the city's data.

Staff has completed requirements for the public safety police vehicles for its mobile computing needs. The emergency dispatch center has also being upgraded to dual server configuration.

The city's website is also seeing increased user visitation due in part to the city's online permitting and inspection system that recently went live in late February.

Motion note, receipt and file.

M/S

D. Gupta / H. Tran

Ayes: 6

4. Roundtable Discussion

No comments made for discussion.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting:

Meeting adjourned to May 19, 2008 commission meeting.